

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Presently Amended) A process for preparing a eustachian tube lumen patency and pressure equalization performance enhancing medicament comprising:

combining one or more lipid surfactants, one or more spreading agents and one or more propellants to form a mixture, said lipids and said spreading agents being selected from the group consisting of sterols, lipids, fatty acids, cholesteryl esters, phospholipids, carbohydrates, and proteins, all in powder form, wherein said lipids and said spreading agents are insoluble in the propellants and said lipid surfactants are selected to be present in an amount effective in reducing surface tension of an air/liquid interface resident upon epithelial tissue lining the lumen of the eustachian tube and said spreading agents are selected to be present in an amount effective in distributing said surfactant within said lumen when said propellants are evaporated from said mixture to form a mixture of lipid crystals for use as the medicament.

43. (Presently Amended) A process for preparing an otitis media medicament comprising:

combining at least one lipid surfactant, at least one therapeutically active agent effective in the treatment of otitis media and at least one propellants to form a mixture, said lipid surfactants being selected from the group consisting of sterols, lipids, fatty acids, cholesteryl esters, phospholipids, carbohydrates, and proteins all in powder form, wherein said lipids and said therapeutically active agents are insoluble in the propellants and said lipids are selected to be present in an amount effective in lowering surface tension of an air/liquid interface resident upon ~~epithelium~~ epithelial tissues lining ~~said both mammalian~~ eustachian tube and middle ear structures and effective in distributing said surfactant within said lining of the lumen and middle ear when said propellants are evaporated to form an aerosolized mixture of lipid crystals combined with said therapeutic agents for use as the medicament.